

Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

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WINCHELL SAID:

He was invited last night to a reception for Adlai Stevenson at the Biltmore Hotel but did not get to meet Mr. Stevenson. He suspected it was because he had made the statement to Carmine DeSapao, Secretary of New York State, and Campaign Manager Finnegan, when he learned that Mr. Eisenhower had turned over the intelligence reports to Mr. Stevenson, "It made me sick to my stomach." "I only hope Mr. Stevenson will never show any of those Secret U.S. intelligence reports to the former communist who will not get off his team."

COMMENT:

A check with the NYO, logical Bureau supervisors and officials has failed to establish the identity of this individual.

WINCHELL SAID:

Attention: Mr. John Edgar Hoover -- An American woman, named by Congressional committees, as an active member of Red spy rings in New York, purchased recently an \$80,000 home off lower Fifth Avenue, New York City, right on Eleventh Street.

COMMENT:

A check with NYO and logical Bureau supervisors has failed to definitely establish the identity of this woman. However, [REDACTED] may be the one Winchell is referring to. She has resided [REDACTED] since approximately 1948.

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[REDACTED] s on the Security Index and has appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. Before both committees she was uncooperative and invoked the Fifth Amendment. In 1948 she was cited for contempt before the House Committee on Un-American Activities but was acquitted in the District Court, Washington, D.C.

WINCHELL SAID:

The new Justice of the Supreme Court will be named by the next President of the United States. President Eisenhower will wait until after the November elections for the people to decide.

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COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Warning to G-Men and New York Police -- How would Johnny Lio and other gangsters like it if some newspaper columnist walked into a courtroom while Dio and the others accused are helpless or handcuffed and I throw acid in their eyes???"

COMMENT:

For your information.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: September 19, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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Bob Hurleigh, Washington representative of the Mutual Broadcasting Company, who is very friendly, called me on the afternoon of September 18, 1956, to advise that in connection with the Freedom Fair which is being run by the Treasury Department Walter Winchell is being given a freedom award by the Treasury Department. Hurleigh stated that Winchell wants someone he knows to make the presentation to him and is very anxious to have the Director do it. Hurleigh stated that, if the Director would do it, Mutual would broadcast the entire proceedings at either 7:15 p. m. or 7:45 p. m. on October 18.

The Freedom Fair is being set up in the new parking area of the Hecht Company in Arlington, and the presentation would be made at the site of the Freedom Fair.

I told Bob that I would check on this and let him know. In line with our discussion, I will tell Bob that Winchell had previously discussed this with the Director and the Director felt that, since this is a Treasury function, Secretary Humphrey would be the proper person to make the award.

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TO : L. V. Boardman *82 9/23/56*

DATE: September 24, 1956

FROM : A. H. Belmont *o a/b*

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST  
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WINCHELL SAID:

A leading figure in the Johnny Dio case, one of the suspects in the blinding of newspaperman Victor Reisel, is talking; they can't shut him up; this is the first rap (rat) in gang chief Johnny Dio's sinking ship.

COMMENT:

There are no new developments in this case. Winchell is apparently referring to [redacted] who is cooperating with us.

WINCHELL SAID:

Attention "Washington Post," "New York Post" especially: right after completion of the Matusow trial the Department of Justice will reopen its investigation of Joseph Rauh, the head man of the Americans for Democratic Action and lawyer for the "New York Post" editor, Mr. Wechsler; also to be sent to the laundry will be Clayton Fritchey of the Democratic National Committee; oh brother, will this stink!

COMMENT:

[redacted] on 2-3-56 the jury returned a verdict of not guilty on two counts and were not able to reach a decision on four other counts. This case arose from testimony given [redacted] before the Grand Jury [redacted]

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Belmont memo for Boardman

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[REDACTED] Winchell previously mentioned in a broadcast on 2-5-56 that the Department would investigate Rauh. As of 8-29-56 the New York Office advised that the Department had rendered no decision regarding the future prosecution of the Hughes case.

WINCHELL SAID:

Two pieces of very important paper just found will make very big headlines in the Senate investigation of New York State Attorney General Jacob Javits.

COMMENT:

*D.P.*  
Javits is the Republican candidate for U.S. Senator from New York.

[REDACTED]  
It is not known to what pieces of paper Winchell is referring.  
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TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: October 1, 1956  
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FROM : A. H. Belmont

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9-30-56

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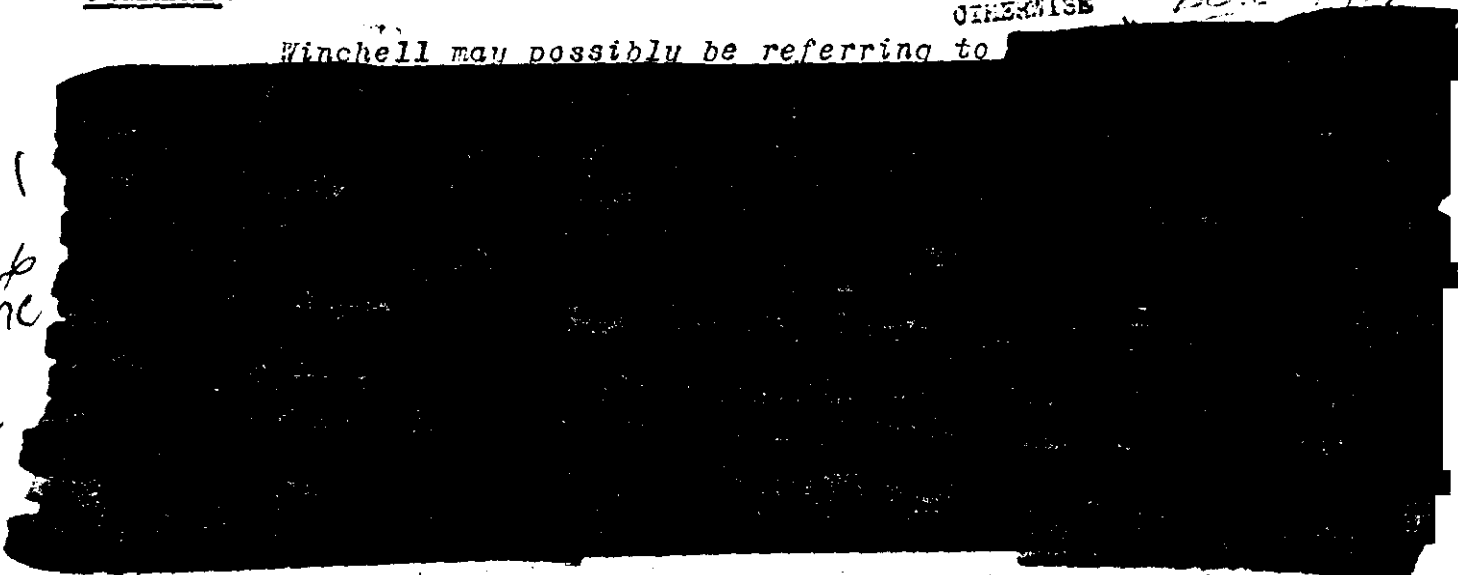
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WINCHELL SAID:

Attention National Press Club, Washington, D. C. A member of candidate Kefauver's brain trust is a prominent democrat and lawyer, once connected with Congressional committees, is in very big trouble. He will soon be accused with once being a Communist Party member.

COMMENT:

Winchell may possibly be referring to



WINCHELL SAID:

Attention John Edgar Hoover. A secret meeting was held last week in Silver Spring, Maryland, by a new committee to gain freedom for Morton Sobell. Sobell was in the Rosenberg spy trial and is doing 30 years in Alcatraz.

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WINCHELL SAID:

Honolulu. Judge Robert Morris, Chief Counsel for the Senate Internal Security Committee, will fly to Hawaii tomorrow to start a full-scale war on Harry Bridges and company. Judge Morris will make the headlines again with shenanigans on the Harry Bridges water front.

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

Please remember my new TV variety show next Friday, October 5, 8:30 p.m. I will have Micky Mantle and Perry Como on the show.

COMMENT:

For your information. ✓

*Mr. Boardman*  
*Mr. Jones* *Mr. [unclear]*

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**NEW YORK MIRROR**  
DAILY AND SUNDAY

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235 EAST 45TH STREET  
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.  
MURRAY HILL 2-1000

September 27, 1956

Mr. Clyde Tolson  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Tolson:

I haven't shown this to the boss yet, but thought  
maybe you would be interested.

Sincerely,

*Rose*  
for WALTER WINCHELL

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*Let Walter Winchell  
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Rm 4161  
Hotel Oxford  
545 West 112th St  
New York 25, N.Y.  
Sept. 13, 1956

I have cooled considerably since penning  
this piece; yet it is still rather close to  
how I feel. These are feelings I would like  
your public to know about.

This note is both permission to and a plea  
for publication.

Yours,



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TO: THE POLITICIANS WHO HAVE DECIDED TO STAND FIRM WITH PROCEDURE AND IGNORE PRINCIPLES

TO: THE FOOLS WHO ELECTED THEM BECAUSE OF RESONANT SPEAKING VOICES, AQUILINE FEATURES, OR "HE SHOOK MY HAND" OR "HE KISSED MY JOHN"

TO: THE PETTY MORALISTS WHO ARE SWAYED BY BOUDOIR REPORTS RATHER THAN A RECORD OF JUST AND EVEN TEMPERED LEGISLATIVE DECISIONS

TO: THE BIGOTED FOOLS WHO PLACED OUR COUNTRY IN THESE CLAMMY PALMS BECAUSE "HE HATES THEM TOO"

WALK CAREFULLY AND QUIETLY. You have just placed a lion in the streets. I am that lion. I am 25 years old, 175 lbs., dark-brown skin. I am dangerous. I can shoot a 45 wall. I am excellent with a carbine and can spell my name with a Thompson grease gun. I can kill a man with my bare hands. These things my beloved country taught during my four years in the military. I am without fat, only muscle. My beloved country gave me this too. For my skin forces me to use a pick and a shovel eight hours a day to earn a check of any size without the indignity of a broom or the constant exhibition of humility. I can fight with a knife or against. I have and probably shall again soon. My beloved bigots taught me this. You taught me something else that left me today when the civil rights plank folded. PATIENCE. My patience is gone. Patience groomed from childhood with kicks in the pants for "being black" or objecting to having your head rubbed for luck or losing friends because of social pressures and waiting in lines and being ignored and sneered at and all the love affairs that might have been, and losing jobs and being refused apartments, and paying more for less. I am finished with quiet and dignified rebuttals and counting to ten.

WALK CAREFULLY--A Lion Roams Your Streets-Don't brush my sleeve without a smile or a gesture to show that you are sorry. Don't take my place in line or serve me sloppily with a sneer or ogle my girl with a supercilious smile or ignore me at a crowded counter.

WALK CAREFULLY-There is death at your elbow and you put it there. There is at least one lion in the streets, perhaps more. This is not my problem but yours.

*Hotel Clifford  
New York 25*

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October 3, 1956

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Miss Rose Bigman  
New York Mirror  
235 East 45th Street  
New York 17, New York

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Dear Rose:

Mr. Tolson has shown me your letter of the twenty-seventh and its enclosure.

Our New York Office is making copies of [redacted] letter available to the Secret Service office in New York and to the New York City Police Department. Walter's name was deleted from the letter.

I am returning the original of [redacted] letter for the completion of your files. Many thanks for passing it on.

With best regards,

Sincerely,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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(Photostats of letter from [redacted] to Walter Winchell)

ATTENTION SAC, NEW YORK:

Files contain no identifiable information regarding [redacted]

You should make available to New York Secret Service and New York City Police Department a copy of the enclosure. You should not reveal Winchell's identity as the original recipient of the enclosure.

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October 9, 1956

Mr. Walter Winchell  
New York Mirror  
235 East 45th Street  
New York 17, New York

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Dear Walter:

I want to offer my heartiest congratulations upon your receiving the Freedom of the Press Award as a recognition of your contribution to the free press in America. In addition, you are certainly deserving of congratulations upon the citation by The American Legion which has selected you for its Americanism Award.

Your vigorous assaults on the forces of injustice and subversion have given us encouragement. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

*W. J. Mohr*

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### Two Top Awards Going to Winchell

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5 (INS) — Columnist-broadcaster Walter Winchell receives two outstanding awards Monday at the Treasury Department's "Freedom Fair" marking the 15th anniversary of the U. S. Savings Bond Program.

Motion picture actress Virginia Mayo will present a Freedom of the Press Award to Winchell in recognition of his "contribution

to the maintenance and continuance of a free press in America.

IN ADDITION to the Treasury Department citation, Winchell also will receive an Americanism award by the American Legion.

For his "efforts to promote a greater zeal of patriotism among our citizens and especially for his exposures of the iniquities of communism."

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*Let's Walter Winchell (and  
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- Wash. News \_\_\_\_\_
- Wash. Star \_\_\_\_\_
- N. Y. Herald Tribune \_\_\_\_\_
- N. Y. Mirror \_\_\_\_\_
- N. Y. Daily News 3
- Daily Worker \_\_\_\_\_
- The Worker \_\_\_\_\_
- New Leader \_\_\_\_\_

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

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DATE: October 15, 1956

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

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10-14-56

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Inside the Communist Party in the U.S.A. Ladies and Gentlemen. Last week the Reds at New Haven, Connecticut, moved one of their front headquarters from 23 Temple Street to 6 Church Street, New Haven, Connecticut."

COMMENT:

The premises at 23 Temple Street, New Haven, Connecticut, have been occupied by the Connecticut Volunteers for Civil Rights. This organization was formed by Communist Party members in Connecticut for the purpose of raising funds for the trial of the Connecticut Communist Party leader indicted on 6-4-54 for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940. A confidential source has advised that a meeting of either a state board or a state committee meeting of the Communist Party of Connecticut [redacted] adopted a proposal to dissolve the Connecticut Volunteers for Civil Rights. On 10-4-56 [redacted] at 23 Temple Street advised that office equipment and other material of the Connecticut Volunteers for Civil Rights was to be removed on 10-6-56. New Haven has also advised that Ettie Ekins, executive secretary of this organization, has moved to Hartford, Connecticut, with her husband, Robert C. Ekins, state secretary of the Communist Party in Connecticut.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"The communist front known as the California Emergency Defense Committee has been 'discontinued,' but this is to tell you it has been replaced by the Joint Self-Defense Committee."

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The California Emergency Defense Committee has been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to provisions of Executive Order 10450. A confidential investigative technique of the San Francisco Office has advised that this committee is being discontinued and a new organization called the "Joint Self-Defense Committee" is being formed in its place. It has not yet been determined whether this information pertains only to the San Francisco chapter of the organization or whether it pertains to the organization as a whole operating in the State of California.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"In the new shift of west coast Red Party leaders, the Oregon state chairman of the Communist Party has been switched from Portland to Los Angeles. Tee Hee."

COMMENT:

WINCHELL SAID:

"The 'Daily Worker's' Red master minds hoping to erase the stink attached to that name are now trying desperately to think of a new title for that scummy rag. How does that awful American Winchell know our deepest secrets?"

COMMENT:

Information has been received from informants regarding discussions by Communist Party leaders and rank-and-file members in regard to the 'Daily Worker's' decreased circulation. Consideration has been given to a possible name change in hopes of increasing circulation and particularly if the Communist Party should change its name. These discussions have also included changes in the style as well as in the scope of coverage of news in the paper.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Red chiefs from all over the deep South land - all over the South - attended a very secret - a very what - high-level Communist Party conference last weekend right here in my wonderful home town, New York City."

COMMENT:

A confidential informant attended a meeting of the Southern Regional Committee of the Communist Party, USA, starting 10-6-56 in New York City. The agenda consisted of a report on the draft resolution of the Communist Party, the outlook for Southern Communist Party work, and plans for state conventions and conferences. A future meeting of the committee is scheduled for about February, 1957.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"And now to knock all communists on their big fat ankles. A secret meeting of the national committee of the Communist Party has been called for November 11, November 12, in New York City."

COMMENT:

Information regarding this meeting has previously come to the attention of the Bureau. The purpose of this meeting is for additional discussion regarding the draft resolution of 1956.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Chicago. Intimates of Adlai Stevenson are urging him to announce that if elected he will make an immediate trip to Moscow. Why Mr. Stevenson?"

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"The U.S. Senate Internal Security Committee will disclose testimony tomorrow or the next day by Admiral <sup>vt. Loss</sup> Cooke (phonetic) blasting the United States intelligence system. He was the commander of the Seventh Fleet."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Zanzibar. Red agents are again fanning the flames between the Hindu and the Negro populations. Any race war, anywhere in the world, is always the policy of the Kremlin."

COMMENT:

For your information.

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Mr. and Mrs. United States.

"The following is privileged fair comment for a newspaperman. For over 20 years I was on FDR's team. You know one of those awful new dealers. Candidate Adlai Stevenson has accused the Eisenhower Administration of being 'soft on communism.' But when Mr. Stevenson was the confidential secretary to Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, my old boss, Mr. Stevenson was a lot softer, I think. Listen to this. My source is from a report of a senate hearing investigating United States security laws. That hearing started January 8, 1954--that's a little over two years ago. The following, in part, is the testimony before that U. S. Senate probe by Rear Admiral Adolphus Staton. He is the holder of the Navy Cross and the Congressional Medal of Honor. Admiral Staton testified under oath that in 1942 Mr. Stevenson, as the Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy, said among other startling things: 'I don't think we ought to be too hard on the commies.' Mr. Stevenson said that! Ladies and gentlemen, when Admiral Staton, chairman of a committee to kick subversive radio operators off American ships quoting the sworn testimony of war heroes: Admiral Staton, 'Mr. Stevenson summoned me to his office. He said 'Admiral, I don't think you fellows have anything against those people--any of them.' The Admiral also testified that he had about ten radio operators fired for being disloyal to our country. The Admiral said his committee voted unanimously to discharge them; that he had told Mr. Stevenson 'This is emergency legislation. These people are unfit to work in our convoys with naval ships carrying valuable cargoes for the war; that if there was any reasonable doubt, that reasonable doubt should be in favor of Uncle Sam.' To which the Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy Stevenson replied 'Well, Admiral, I don't think we ought to be too hard on the commies.' Oh, my God. I submit all of this to President Eisenhower and his official family for rebuttal to the Democrats' claim that the Republicans are 'soft on reds.' Please remember Mr. Stevenson, who now comforts the enemy with demands for no draft, stopping all nuclear tests, et cetera, made these statements during war time, after Admiral Staton's committee unanimously order that those communists be fired."

COMMENT:

For your information.

Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Harlem, New York City. Here is the absolute low-down on why Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Democrat, came out for President Eisenhower. Mr. Powell knows that the President made over 300 Federal appointments to members of his race. Mr. Truman appointed about 25 in seven years."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington. Congressman Powell's other reason - in 1951 - that was Truman's administration - Mr. and Mrs. Adam Clayton Powell, colored, were requested to leave Washington's hotel, the Congressional Hotel. The Congressman asked President Truman to correct that problem. I understand that Mr. Truman didn't even bother to reply. When Congressman Powell asked Ike to correct it, it was corrected not long after. That's the kind of a guy he is."

COMMENT:

For your information.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *JLD* DATE October 1, 1956

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

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WINCHELL SAID:

"New York City. Paul Williams, United States Attorney, will move against a second member of the staff of Harlem Congressman, Adam Clayton Powell." *NY - DC*

COMMENT:

Considerable newspaper publicity was recently afforded one of Congressman Powell's staff members who was charged with income tax evasion. No investigation was conducted by this Bureau and we are unable to determine whether or not this may be a reference to a similar type case.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Income Tax Cemetery. Johnny Dio, top suspect in the acid throwing case which blinded newspaperman, racketeer fighter, Victor Reisel, has a brand new headache. Goodbye, Johnny Dio." *NY*

COMMENT:

The Bureau has received no information as to any action contemplated against Dio for violation of income tax laws. On the night Dio was arrested a search conducted incidental to his arrest uncovered considerable information regarding personal income received by him as a result of his activities as a labor consultant. It is possible that the United States Attorney at New York may be using some of this material to move against Dio.

WINCHELL SAID:

"The FBI is going after trouble-maker John Kasper. He reportedly started the race riots in Tennessee. He allegedly lived with a Negrress here in New York." *DC*

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

COMMENT:

The Bureau is conducting an investigation into activities of the ~~White Citizens' Council~~ of the District of Columbia. Kasper is executive secretary of that council. Background investigation of Kasper has developed information that he once owned the "Make-It-Knew" bookstore in New York City where he employed a colored girl named Florette Henry. Several sources interviewed claimed that Kasper also lived with this girl.

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[REDACTED] Kasper's participation in racial disturbances at Clinton, Tennessee, during August of this year received considerable newspaper publicity. As a result of these activities, Kasper was sentenced to a year in jail. Several sources at Clinton have stated that if it had not been for Kasper, there would have been no trouble at Clinton.

WINCHELL SAID:

"The new red line calls for a united socialist front. It will start in Los Angeles on Columbus Day."

COMMENT:

A ~~symposium~~ was held in Chicago, Illinois, on 10-5-56 attended by representatives of several left of center organizations. The purpose of the symposium was to consider formation of a new broad socialist organization which would present a united socialist front. Bert Cochran, Claude Lightfoot, and Reverend A. J. Muste, ) *Ill*  
were scheduled to represent the socialists, communists, and *Calif*  
Fellowship of Reconciliation, respectively, at this symposium. No information has been received concerning any activity along this line slated for Los Angeles.

WINCHELL SAID:

*to handle*  
"The ~~American Labor Party~~, after twenty years, is about to fold up. Members are now convinced they have lost their punch. Bye-bye, No tears."

COMMENT:

The ~~New York State Committee~~ of the American Labor Party which lost its ballot status when it polled only 46,000 votes in 1954, announced its dissolution on 10-7-56. The party reached its peak in 1948 when it cast 509,000 votes for Henry A. Wallace for president. Peter K. Hawley, party chairman, blamed the "repressive atmosphere" of the cold war and the consequent loss of labor support for the party's decline in recent years.

Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

WINCHELL SAID:

"St. Claire's Hospital, New York City. Lenny Morgan, <sup>N.Y.</sup> 46, of the New York Journal-American, severely beaten by four teenage punks over a week ago; is still in the hospital. New York City. The communists have stepped into that story. They are passing out handbills praising the four thugs for beating up newspapermen. I sent them to the FBI, John Edgar Hoover. Who is the "Committee Against Crime in the News." Are they communists or aren't they?"

COMMENT:

No record has been located of the communist handbills mentioned by Mr. Winchell having been received as yet at the Bureau. This case has been followed through newspaper articles and no active investigation has been conducted.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Federal Pen, Manhattan. Frank Costello, <sup>N.Y. - Ga.</sup> who won his fight against deportation, will be taken to Atlanta Federal Prison this week. Five years for income tax trouble. One confessed red, convicted last week for trying to steal, kidnap, and murder our nation, got only one year."

COMMENT:

This may be a reference to Alexander Trachtenberg who was convicted 7-31-56 in the Southern District of New York for conspiring to violate the Smith Act of 1940. Trachtenberg was sentenced on 9-17-56 to one year.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Mr. and Mrs. United States. Murder makes headlines. That's because it is news. The reason it is news is that most people do not commit murder. The same thing is true of juvenile delinquency. The reason J.D. is news is that the over-whelming majority of American youth are leading busy, healthy lives preparing to be useful citizens. Did you know that at least 20 million American youngsters are taking music lessons. You read about some young criminal shot in the dark but nobody ever mentions the thousands of school orchestras rehearsing all day. You read about juvenile delinquents who steal cars and mug citizens but why doesn't anyone play up the million members of the

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4-H Club, the ones who get up at dawn to help run American farms. You read about teen-age gang raids on other gangs of candidates for the electric chair. For every one of these bums America has a thousand boy scout troops learning the way the pioneers used to build our wonderful country. The fact is, 2 out of every 3 youngsters in the nation go to Sunday School. But that story is not news to most editors. The bad news is that many judges do not know where to send these young offenders. But the good news is that for every bad boy or girl we have 10 good kids working their way through colleges. God bless them all. The irony of it. The juvenile gangsters call themselves armies. Since 1776 America's best citizens make up our best armies. Over 70 percent of our Armed Forces are manned by juveniles under 21. A newspaperman cannot help but be bitter when he knows that for every hoodlum who gets into trouble we have at least 10,000 honest newsboys such as Andy Williams of Ames, Iowa, who met the President yesterday and I introduced him all over town. I met him on the Perry Como show last night. Helping their families, selling the same newspapers which play up the punks. One lady judge in the Midwest was appalled by my comments last week. She wrote me a letter because I said I would break the ridiculous rule by newspapers not to mention the names of the teen-age criminals. John Edgar Hoover sent me a letter of thanks. I am fed up with the young tough guys. I say lets first consider the great majority of good, honest, ambitious American kids willing to work for a future."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

DC  
"The FBI. Dear Walter, writes Director John Edgar Hoover, This is to tell you your last newscast about naming the names of the young criminals was fine. I mean especially the four skunk rats who viciously assaulted the two New York newspapermen. That was really terrific Walter. I have urged time and again that newspapers print the names of teen agers who commit felonies because I believe the more spotlight the newspapers throw on any wrong doing the better. The newspaper is our last barrier in keeping America wholesome, clean, and free and one of its functions should be to throw the blinding spotlights of publicity on their identities. They are real enemies of society. You performed a great public service doing what you did last Sunday over the Mutual Network. More power to you. Sincerely, John Edgar Hoover. Thank you John."

COMMENT:

For your information.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"New Yorkers are talking about.... The mysterious reduction of \$25,000 bail each to \$1,000 for the four teen-age punks who put a newspaperman in the hospital where he still is. I learn one of the four was related to a late Congressman. He now lives in a certain political leader's building on the west side. End of so-called mystery. I'll take care of that guy later."

COMMENT:

No active investigation is being conducted of this matter. The names of any political figures who may have exerted influence on behalf of one of the suspects have not come to our attention.

WINCHELL SAID:

Panama. The ~~Fed~~ subversion machine in Latin America is going to set up a synthetic cry, that the Panama Canal belongs to Panama. In short, the Suez pattern in our very own back yard.

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

~~A~~ Fed-inspired outbreak of anti-semitism in Poland is expected any day. Our Government hears it will make Hitler look like a piker.

COMMENT:

For your information.

*For*  
*Joe*  
*Wm*  
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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

October 17, 1956

From Walter Winchell.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Parsons
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Trotter
- Mr. Jones
- Mr. Nease
- Mr. Winterrowd
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Holloman
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

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*Walter Winchell*  
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**A. A. SCHECHTER ASSOCIATES**  
580 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 36, N.Y.  
JUDSON 6-2420

October 10, 1956

Mr. Walter Winchell  
NY DAILY MIRROR  
235 E. 45th St.  
New York 17, N.Y.

*T. Honey*

Dear Walter:

The Russian brain is seeking to create a new kind of material to lick the thermal barrier and other barriers which might lie in the unknown. Thus top incentives are given to Russian scientists resulting in three engineers being graduated from Soviet schools to every one graduated here. This is revealed in a new book, Vision, by Harold Mansfield, which will be released October 24. no loc.

Sincerely,

*Michael Roshkind*

Michael Roshkind  
General Manager

A.A. Schechter Associates  
New York

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MR. L. V. BOARDMAN ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE October 22, 1956

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST  
10-21-56

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Inside the Communist Party. Red leaders are secretly celebrating what they say will be favorable decisions by the highest court in communist cases now pending. The scummy 'Daily Worker' is running articles of the 'interest displayed' by some of the justices in the highest court in the land."

COMMENT:

The Supreme Court has recently heard arguments on four cases involving convictions of communists under the Smith Act of 1940. Two of these cases were conspiracy cases involving Steve Nelson and four other communist officials from Pittsburgh and the case involving William Schneiderman and 13 other communist officials from Los Angeles. Arguments were also heard on two membership cases involving Junius Scales from Charlotte, North Carolina, and Claude Lightfoot from Chicago, Illinois. In the Nelson case the Government had requested the court to return the case to district court at Pittsburgh for a judicial hearing as to the credibility of Government witness. The Government had stated it had reason to believe [redacted] may have lied in testimony subsequent to his Pittsburgh testimony. The Supreme Court has returned the entire case to the lower court for retrial.

Information has been received in the Claude Lightfoot case that [redacted] told Eugene Dennis that he feels Lightfoot will get a reversal because the trial judge refused to turn over to the defense a written report of [redacted] who testified against Lightfoot.

No information has been received as to any possible decisions in the cases involving Scales and Schneiderman.

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cc - Nichols  
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WINCHELL SAID:

"The communists who incite racial trouble had a terrible time this week. They discovered that in a very big Eastern city commies segregated whites from blacks in two of their clubs. I am enjoying this so very much. The Reds are all going nuts trying to find out the lead to me."

COMMENT:

[REDACTED] (c)

WINCHELL SAID:

"John Edgar! Red chief J.W., is two-timing his wife, Bessie, with a colored commie. Her initials are T.E.G. She is very photo-pathetic too."

COMMENT:

A check of available sources, based on the information above, failed to identify the individuals referred to by Winchell. However, the field is being instructed to check this out.

WINCHELL SAID:

DC  
"Washington, D.C. United States Intelligence Chief Allen Dulles has flown to Melbourne to inspect the very grave warnings by Australia about the situation in the Far East. It would turn your hair white if you knew what I know."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Our Government knows positively and positively that the Kremlin chiefs are checking carefully on all Reds still loyal to Joe Stalin. They know the Stalinists are plotting to regain control."

COMMENT:

For your information.

V. [Handwritten] L. B. [Handwritten] ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: October 29, 1956

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST  
10-28-56

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- Holloman
- Gandy

WINCHELL SAID:

"A bunch of communist chiefs in the West can start worrying. They are being scrutinized by a grand jury to check if they filed false affidavits about being non-Reds. Hah Hah, bye, bye, next stop Alcatraz."

COMMENT:

Winchell may be referring to a grand jury hearing currently in progress at Denver, Colorado, in which the Department is presenting evidence regarding a possible conspiracy among leaders of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers to file false noncommunist affidavits. On 10-19-56 a Department attorney indicated this grand jury would not be asked to return any indictments until the week of 11-12-56. This matter is being closely followed.

WINCHELL SAID:

"The Communist Party just tagged every sucker - uh - member - ten dollars. A sum which must be paid to Communist Party headquarters in New York at once - or else."

COMMENT:



WINCHELL SAID:

"Mr. and Mrs. United States. This is a portrait of a prostitute. The President, I hope, will forgive me for disgracing him with a defense. The following is not intended, sir, as a defense of you. I am reporting facts. The very commentator who

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10-29-56

RE: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST  
10-28-56

recklessly reported that 'President Eisenhower suffered a mild relapse in Minneapolis recently' is famous for that sort of dirty propaganda. He also reported 'President Eisenhower's car left the motorcade at the Minneapolis airport and that the President was hustled into a plane without bidding good-bye to local dignitaries'. One day later this \_\_\_\_\_ (deleted by the editor) was shown television films of a smiling happy President shaking hands with a number of persons just before leaving that airport in Minneapolis. After looking at these moving pictures the S.O. (deleted by the editor) conceded 'that he apparently had been wrong on that part of his story.' The truth is, ladies and gentlemen, he was completely wrong. Minneapolis police and other officials who had contact with the President of the United States made vigorous denials of that story, which would hurt him with the voters and help the Democratic candidate for whom this \_\_\_\_\_ (deleted by the editor) is making speeches. In other words, this so and so's story was a shocking demonstration of the technique made popular by the Nazis and Herr Goebels and Moscow."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Attention Jim Hagerty. A former political editor of the scummunist 'Daily Worker' his name is Michael Singer - resigned. He now heads the Democrat publicity department." n/

COMMENT:

This is probably a reference to Michael Kantor, with alias Michael Singer \_\_\_\_\_ Kantor joined the Communist Party in 1933 or 1934 and became associated with the "Daily Worker" in 1937. Kantor, in the past, has served as legislative correspondent for the "Daily Worker" and has covered sessions of the New York State legislature at Albany, New York. A New York informant advised during May, 1956, that Kantor had resigned from the "Daily Worker" \_\_\_\_\_

As late as 10-2-56 Kantor \_\_\_\_\_ position \_\_\_\_\_

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RE: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST  
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WINCHELL SAID:

"Inside the Communist Party. Commies in Colorado are planning drastic action against a female commie. She is very high in the Red command over here. They plan to wreck her reputation because she is in love with a noncommunist."

COMMENT:

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WINCHELL SAID:

"The revolution in Honduras is the best Central American news in many years."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington. The Civil Aeronautics Board will have a major house cleaning right after the election."

COMMENT:

For your information.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

FBI

PHONE HANDLEY AND J. E. HOOVER THAT DON WHITEHEAD'S BOOK ABOUT "F.B.I." (I UNDERSTAND) WILL BE RELEASED NOV 28TH STOP WE SHOULD DEVOTE ENTIRE PROGRAM TO MOST EXCITING MELODRAMA IN THAT BOOK ON FRIDAY NOV 23RD STOP IF IT IS THE NAZI SABOTEUR CASE WE SHOULD CAST IT WITH MOVIE AND BROADWAY STARS SUCH AS OTTO PREMINGER, KURT MALDEN, ETC., WITH GERMAN ACCEPTS AND HANDSOME STARS TO PORTRAY G MEN STOP IF IT IS THE DILLINGER STORY WHICH FEATURED "THE GIRL IN RED" WE SHOULD TRY TO GET MARLON BRANDO FOR DILLINGER AND KAY MANSFIELD AS A BRUNETTE FOR GIRL IN "RED" STOP I PROMISED AUTHOR DON WHITEHEAD OF NY HERALD TRIBUNE, TWO TIME PULITZER PRIZE WINNER. THIS WOULD MAKE VERY EXCITING SHOW, I BELIEVE STOP AND I CAN ANNOUNCE THE BOOK WILL BE IN BOOKSTORES "NEXT WEEK", ETC. ABOVE IS DUPLICATE OF MESSAGE TO ROSE BIGMAN SECTY TO MR. WINCHELL NY MIRROR NEW YORK OCTOBER 29TH

WALTER WINCHELL

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PERSONAL

Mr. Walter Winchell  
New York Mirror  
236 East 45th Street  
New York 17, New York

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Dear Walter:

I was terribly sorry both Clyde and I were out of the office this morning when you called, and I was particularly disturbed to learn from Nick of the very aggravated case of laryngitis you have. I certainly hope you will take care of yourself because these matters can cause a great deal of discomfort and inconvenience.

I also appreciated your wire regarding the proposed plans for dealing with "The FBI Story: A Report to the People," Don Whitehead's new book which will be published November 28, 1956. Your ideas sound very good and I assume that this is a matter which the producer of your show will take up with Random House.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,

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Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (62-0)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

WALTER WINCHELL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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On this date, during the course of another investigation, [redacted] voluntarily furnished the following information concerning WALTER WINCHELL:

[redacted] asserted that WINCHELL, during the last few weeks, has been attempting to gain publicity in the Times Square area. [redacted] opinion that WINCHELL wants this publicity for his TV program.

[redacted] stated that on two occasions, one as recent as 10/25 last, WINCHELL pulled a gun, for which he, WINCHELL, has a permit, on teenage youngsters in the Times Square area. [redacted] continued that on 10/25 last, three teenage youngsters noted WINCHELL sitting in his Cadillac on Broadway. They went over to talk to WINCHELL, and evidently WINCHELL became annoyed and got out of his car and pulled his gun on these individuals. [redacted] stated that WINCHELL lined the youngsters up against a wall and brought them to the 16th Precinct where he, WINCHELL, wanted these individuals arrested but could offer no charge.

[redacted] asserted that WINCHELL is a very lucky man because if one of the youngsters wanted to make a complaint, WINCHELL could have conceivably ended up in jail.

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Mr. Rosen

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

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On another occasion [redacted] stated that in a recent political rally for President EISENHOWER in Madison Square Garden, WINCHELL, using his prestige, forced his way to the front of the audience and then without authorization took over a part of the rally and acted as the Master of Ceremonies.

[redacted] concluded by stating that he was keeping a close eye on WINCHELL in order to avoid future trouble [redacted]

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OO: MR. ROSEN  
AND SUPERVISOR  
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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Special Agent in Charge

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont *10/31/56*

DATE: October 29, 1956

FROM : W. M. Mooney *WMM*

SUBJECT: **WALTER WINCHELL**  
**TELEPHONE CALL 7 A.M., INSTANT**

- Tolson
- Nichols
- Boardman
- Belmont
- Mason
- Mohr
- Parsons
- Rosen
- Tamm
- Nease
- Winterrowd
- Tele. Room
- Holloman
- Gandy

*EVANS*

Walter Winchell called from MATS Airport and stated he was about to board the Presidential Press Plane for Miami, Jacksonville and Richmond. He requested that the following very urgent matter be brought to the attention of Mr. Tolson or Mr. Hoover. By way of background he stated three newspaper photographers were previously sent to the hospital in NYC after a vicious attack by 4 teen-agers, juvenile delinquents. He indicated Friday they were held for grand jury. The bail previously set at \$25,000 each for felonious assault and grand larceny was mysteriously, sneakily and quietly reduced to \$1,000 each. Mr. Winchell requested Mr. Hoover or Mr. Tolson help him and the editors of the "Daily News", "Daily Mirror" and the "New York Journal American" check the following tip: Two of the four held for grand jury are sons of or close kin to waterfront racketeers. He again reiterated that this is urgent and immediate. Winchell indicated that Richard Nelson, the most vicious of the four, asked him in the 16th precinct if he were Walter Winchell. When he answered in the affirmative Nelson said, "We'll see you and leave you some day."

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An immediate call was made to the NYO and it was ascertained that an article appeared 10/26/56 in the "New York Daily News," page 5, column 1, setting forth information that on 10/25/56 the 4 defendants had appeared before Magistrate Ruben Levey, Adolescent Court, and were being held in \$1,000 bail each. The article indicated that the grand jury would hear the matter (no date given) on charges of felonious assault and grand larceny in the theft of a camera. The defendants are: Richard Nelson, age 19, 450 W. 47th Street; Joseph Fare, age 19, 456 W. 47th Street; Robert Cartino, age 17, 516 W. 50th Street; and Thomas O'Hare, age 17, 452 W. 49th Street, all New York City. The three newspaper representatives were identified as Philip Grettler, age 43, photographer "Daily News"; Ralph Gonzalez, age 21, copy boy "Daily News" and Leonard Morgan, age 46, photographer "Journal American." The latter individual was severely kicked by Nelson, while on the ground.

- cc: Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Holloman  
~~Mr. Nease~~  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Nease  
Mr. Mooney

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RE: WALTER WINCHELL

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He also sustained additional injuries, to a heart artery, <sup>condition</sup> Winchell requested that any information available concerning the above be given to him at any of the 3 airports where he will visit today, namely Miami, Fla., 11:30 A.M.; Jacksonville, Fla., at a later undetermined time; Richmond, Va., some time this evening. He requested that the above be brought to the Director's or Mr. Tolson's attention due to its urgency. Mr. Winchell then wanted to know if the Director heard him call Drew Pearson an SOB over 600 stations last night. He then said, "I didn't say it." He also requested that the Director check his column, page 10, "New York Mirror" wherein the editors would not allow him to call Drew Pearson a "presstitute." He indicated he apologized to the President and Mrs. Eisenhower for a defense of the President and stated this "SOB" tried to kill the President by worrying him." He stated although Drew Pearson is 6'4" and he, Winchell, is only 5'9", he will "throw one at him." He further indicated that District Attorney Hogan, NYC, is very miffed with him and stated the reason would be found in the afore-mentioned Walter Winchell column on page 10 of the New York Mirror. He was advised that the above information would be immediately brought to the attention of the Director or Mr. Tolson.

ACTION:

Bufiles are being checked concerning the four defendants above mentioned. Mr. Holloman's office was called and, in his absence, the above was given to Erma D. Metcalf. Mr. Wick, Records and Communications Division, was also advised. A check is also being made to locate the newspaper articles mentioned herein; namely, the "New York Daily News" item of 10-26-56, page 5, column 1, and the "New York Mirror," Walter Winchell column, page 10 (date not determined)

ADDENDUM:

A check of Bufiles reflects serial 62-26225-35-A is identical with 4 defendants mentioned above. This serial is newspaper clipping from "New York Herald-Tribune" September 26, 1956, page 2, column 1, which sets forth account of assault. No other references in Bufiles. It is noted newspaper article 9-25-56 carries the spelling Robert Cartaino for subject's name [REDACTED]

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November 5, 1956

Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mason	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Mr. Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Hoffman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Mr. Tolson:

Walter Winchell called by reference from the Director's Office. He has been sitting up at the UN. He was so tired that he finally got a plane and came to Washington. He is now going to bed over at the Carlton. He may be up by noon and, if so, would like to have lunch with the Director and you if you are in town. I told him frankly I had not heard from you this morning and did not know what the situation was. He will be in Washington until sometime tomorrow when he must return to New York to vote. He would like very much to see you either at lunch or dinner. I told him that I would probably hear from you both later on and then would be in a better position to tell him what your plans are.

*LBN*  
L. B. Nichols

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*I don't see  
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*I can't do either as I  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman <sup>10/26/56</sup>

DATE: November 5, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont <sup>ABBS</sup>

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST  
November 4, 1956

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Winchell Said:

"Monsignor Belgavarga and the leaders of the Hungarian resistance movement in all satellite nations requested the following statement: There will be a great demonstration tomorrow at 5:00 PM in front of the UN Building, New York City."

Comments:

For your information.

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Winchell Said:

"New York Inquirer. Red leaders here in New York plan a secret (Ha!Ha!) meeting in New York City, November 11th. Eugene Dennis and William Z. Foster will confer with Reds from New Jersey."

Comments:

The Bureau is cognizant of this meeting between the New York Communist Party leaders and New Jersey State Communist Party functionaries. Purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Draft Resolution recently issued by the Communist Party.

Winchell Said:

"Congressman Adam Clayton Powell's wife, night club star Hazel Scott, will divorce him after election day. The Department of Justice has subpoenaed Congressman Powell's records."

Comments:

This may relate to an income tax matter since Powell's secretary, Hattie Dodson, was recently convicted in an income tax case in New York. This Bureau is conducting no investigation regarding Powell.

- cc - Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Boardman
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Branigan
- Mr. Baumgardner
- Mr. Bland
- Mr. Gochnour

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman  
Re: Walter Winchell's Broadcast  
November 4, 1956

Winchell Said:

"I can state with authority, ladies and gentlemen, that Washington received absolute sworn pledges that France and England would not attack Egypt. It was the biggest double-cross of the last one hundred years."

Comment:

For your information.

Winchell Said:

"The administration is furious with French Premier Mollet for stating that he had informed the White House of the French plan to attack. That is at variance with the facts. That's the diplomatic way, my way, of calling Premier Mollet of Paris, France, a liar."

Comment:

For your information.

Winchell Said:

"Candidate Javits in New York telegraphed the following to all GOP county chairmen: 'On Wednesday, the opposition candidate told New York garment workers that we should support Israel, but he wired the President of the United States to avoid involving our forces in the Israel crises.'"

Comment:

Jacob K. Javits is Attorney General of New York State and candidate for position of U. S. Senator from New York State. Javits voluntarily appeared before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on September 5, 1956, to deny rumors that he had been supported by communists and was an associate of communists. No further hearings have been scheduled.

Winchell Said:

"From the Walter Winchell newscast over this network October 14th. In spite of official denials London and Washington are at their bitterest point since Munich. Washington has bluntly told the British that we are at Suez where London was on Korea and Red China."

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Comment:

For your information.

Winchell Said:

"From the Winchell report over Mutual Network October 21st. United States Intelligence Chief Allen Dulles has flown to Australia to inspect the grave warnings there about the situation in the Far East. It would, I said in my opening flash October 21st, turn your hair white if you knew what I know."

Comment:

Winchell's October 21st item was "Washington, D. C., United States Intelligence Chief Allen Dulles has flown to Melbourne to inspect the very grave warnings by Australia about the situation in the Far East. It would turn your hair white if you knew what I know." For your information.

Winchell Said:

"Administration leaders now know that a certain commentator's recent low-blow about Eisenhower's alleged relapse in Minneapolis was written, inspired by a top left-winger of the Americans for Democratic Action."

Comment:

This apparently refers to a recent item by Drew Pearson regarding President Eisenhower's health. The Bureau is not conducting any investigation regarding the ~~Americans for Democratic Action~~.



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Winchell Said:

"Mr. and Mrs. United States. Last Monday I was with the Washington Press Corps and the Secret Service in the plane which preceded the President on his one-day 1,800 mile speaking tour of Florida and at Richmond. I saw a very happy President making his speech at the Miami Airport; an hour later at Jacksonville, I also saw our President get that very miserable news just before he talked to the big crowd of patient Americans who waited so long in the rain and chill at Richmond Airport. I saw the President's bottom lip quiver, stifling his tears, his great disappointment at seeing his hopes for peace shattered because some of our best false friends abroad committed a crime in the name of defending law and order. For over two months, ladies and gentlemen, I have given you the details of the massing of British and French forces in the Eastern Mediterranean, including fleet and army movements. I also reported that London and Paris would use force. The uninformed called it more Winchell warmongering. Now, legalistic nonsense is befogging the issues. It is not a question of aggression. It is all a showdown in what they call power politics. Israel and Egypt are mere pawns. For a long time the borders of Israel have been subjected to murderous raids. The brave people of Israel are no more wrong in protecting their families and themselves than the United States Government was when it ordered General Pershing into Mexico to stop the bandit Villa from attacking border towns of New Mexico. The real issue, ladies and gentlemen, is oil. Russia, through Egypt, has choked the windpipes of France and Britain. They slugged back through Israel. The conflict as of now is local, but Egypt, listen to this, Egypt has called for a "jihad" or Arab holy war from Casablanca to Kurachi, India. President Eisenhower took the first calm and courageous step in one of his very great pledges of your lifetime that there will be, he said, no involvement of United States in the current hostilities. And the bitter irony of what our so-called friends abroad have done -- they know full well that without General Eisenhower's leadership and your taxes, Britain and France might have been wiped off the map. And that no matter who wins this war, you, the taxpayer, will feed and clothe them again."

Comments:

For your information.

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